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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7481**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 337

**NOTE PREPARED:** Apr 8, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 8, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Native American Affairs Commission.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Waterman

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Crawford

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill establishes the Native American Indian Affairs Commission. It authorizes the Commission to recommend final disposition of Native American Indian human remains that have been removed from a burial site. It requires the Commission to study problems common to Native American Indians in the areas of employment, education, civil rights, health, and housing. The bill also authorizes the Commission to make certain recommendations.

**Effective Date:** June 1, 2003; July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The Commission will consist of 15 voting members:

- Six Native American Indians, each from a different geographic region of Indiana;
- Two Native American Indians who have knowledge of Native American traditions and spiritual issues;
- Commissioner of the Department of Corrections, or designee;
- Commissioner of the Commission for Higher Education, or designee;
- Commissioner of the State Department of Health, or designee;
- Secretary of the Office of Family Social Services, or designee;
- Director of the Department of Natural Resources, or designee;
- State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee;
- Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development, or designee.

The Commission also has 2 nonvoting members:

- One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker;
- One member of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore.

Legislative members and lay members will not be entitled to a per diem nor a mileage reimbursement.

The Department of Workforce Development will staff the Commission. Commission expenses would be paid from appropriations to the Department of Workforce Development. The bill does not specify the number of meetings that will be held.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Workforce Development.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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